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Subject: Draft Proposed Opinion 2003-37

By E-Mail

Commission Secretary
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Draft Advisory Opinion 2003-37

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I understand that you received earlier today a letter from People for the American Way ("PFAW") and a number of other organizations expressing profound concern over the broad scope of the General Counsel's draft of Advisory Opinion 2003-37, both as it applies to federal political committees and as it appears to reach the educational, advocacy and voter participation activities of nonprofit corporations.

I write today on behalf of the American Jewish Committee, a national human relations organization with over 125,000 members and supporters represented by 33 regional chapters, to endorse the PFAW letter. As the letter states, the draft opinion poses an unprecedented threat to the lawful and appropriate advocacy and educational activities of Section 501(c) organizations. We join with the signatories of the PFAW letter in urging the Commission to reject this draft in its current form.

Respectfully submitted,

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